

Commercial and Industrial Buildings,  
Bowman and Haley Garage  
450 Central Avenue  
Dubuque  
Dubuque County  
Iowa

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**PHOTOGRAPHS  
HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA**

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**Site Location:** 450 Central Avenue  
Dubuque, Dubuque County, Iowa  
DOT designation: Resource Site No. 7.16  
Cadastral grid : NE1/4 NE1/4 S25 T89N R2E  
USGS quadrangle: Dubuque South Iowa 7.5'  
UTM coordinates: 15.692008.4707450  
Lot dimensions : 51.7' x 100' : .12 acre  
Lot description: City Lot 301

**Present Owner:** Lavonne Eisbach  
**Present Usage:** retail sales store  
**Present Condition :** good

**Overall Dimensions:** 51.6' x 100'; 1 story  
**Orientation :** west  
**Architectural** Plan type : rectangular  
**Description :** Foundation: reinforced concrete perimeter walls and slab.  
Structure : wood post-and-beam frame with brick masonry bearing walls.  
Ext. walls: buff-colored face brick laid in running bond.  
Roof : flat composition roof with brick parapet wall;  
wood shake-covered false mansard attached to front wall.  
Chimneys : none  
Windows : six large anodized aluminum showcase windows on front; rear windows infilled with concrete block.  
Openings : centrally placed single-leaf front entrance with anodized aluminum/glass door and transom; wood sectional garage door on rear.  
Details : none remaining.

**Construction Date :** 1923

**Architecture Style:** (original facade obliterated)

**Physical History :** In 1923 the Bowman and Haley [Healey] Garage moved from its location at 1480 Central Avenue to this newly completed building ten blocks south. Owned by Edward Bowman and Joseph Haley, the automobile sales and service firm lasted less than two years here before the Walter Smith Motor Company moved in. Smith fared little better, and by 1929 the building was occupied by its third auto dealership within six years, the Johannsen Motor Company. About 1933 the Fluckiger Motor Company expanded into this building from its base in the corner of 4th and Central [HABS No. IA-160-T]. In the late 1960s Fluckiger was succeeded by the Wilson Brothers Dubuque, Inc. auto company.

Presently the building is occupied by Design Kitchens, a retail appliance sales store. Since Fluckiger moved here, the facade has been reconstructed no less than four times (in 1933, 1948, 1951 and 1969), completely destroying any original architectural features.

**Significance:** Though built late in the construction milieu of Dubuque's industrial district and subsequently altered, this single-story building typifies the architecture and construction of the brick-clad commercial/industrial structures found on the city's south side.

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